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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH QUAI POLITICAL DIRECTOR:
EUROPEAN DEFENSE

1. QUAI POLITICAL DIRECTOR DE LABOULAYE COMMENTED TO CHARGE ON EUROPEAN DEFENSE MATTERS DURING LUNCHEON JULY 21. HE SAID HE WAS DELIGHTED WITH PRESIDENT FORD'S PROJECTED VISIT TO GERMANY AND HIS PLANS TO REVIEW U.S. TROOPS THERE LATE THIS MONTH. HE THOUGHT THAT THIS GESTURE, COMING JUST BEFORE THE HELSINKI SUMMIT, WOULD SEND A CLEAR MESSAGE TO MOSCOW THAT THE SPIRIT OF DETENTE WOULD NOT CAUSE THE U.S. TO LOWER ITS DEFENSES IN EUROPE.

2. LABOULAYE SAID HE HOPED PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT TO BAVARIA WOULD NOT RPT NOT SEND A SECOND MESSAGE TO THE SOVIETS, NAMELY, THAT THE U.S. AND USSR ALONE SHOULD DECIDE QUESTIONS OF EUROPEAN DEFENSE. UNDERLINING HIS OWN BELIEF THAT A STRONG EUROPEAN DEFENSE PILLAR SHOULD BE ERECTED ALONGSIDE THE AMERICAN PILLAR WITHIN NATO, LABOULAYE OBSERVED THAT GISCARD'S RECENT STATEMENTS PUTTING OFF FOR THE PRESENT CONSIDERATION OF EUROPEAN DEFENSE COOPERATION SHOULD NOT BE JUDGED AN IMMUTABLE POSITION. HE THOUGHT THAT IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE, BOTH THE AMERICANS AND EUROPEANS MIGHT BE FORCED TO CONCLUDE THAT A STRONG EUROPEAN DEFENSE POSTURE WAS REQUIRED TO PROTECT JOINT AND INDIVIDUAL INTERESTS. HE VERY MUCH HOPED THAT THE U.S. WOULD NOT, IN A MISTAKEN EFFORT TO PURSUE DETENTE, GIVE THE USSR ANY SIGN THAT IT WISHED TO DOWNGRADE THE ROLE OF EUROPE IN DEFENSE OF THE WEST.

3. REPLYING TO A QUESTION, LABOULAYE SAID GISCARD
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WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS PLUTON WITH SCHMIDT DURING THEIR UPCOMING BILATERAL MEETING, BUT THAT THE QUESTION WAS NOT ON THE AGENDA AND THAT THE FRENCH DEFENSE MINISTER WILL NOT ACCOMPANY THE PRESIDENT. HE INDICATED THAT CURRENT FRENCH THINKING ON PLUTON IS AS RECENTLY

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INDICATED BY DEFENSE MINISTER BOURGES, I.E. THAT
FRANCE IS NOT PLANNING ON STAGING PLUTON IN GERMANY,
BUT THAT PLUTON WOULD IN A CRISIS SITUATION MOVE WHERE
FORWARD COMBAT CONSIDERATIONS MIGHT DICTATE.

4. LABOULAYE ALSO MENTIONED THE DESIRABILITY OF JOINT
EUROPEAN ARMAMENTS PRODUCTION. HE SAID THAT FRANCE
WOULD BE PREPARED TO COOPERATE FULLY IN NATO STANDARD-
IZATION EFFORTS PROVIDED IT CAN BE ASSURED THAT A JOINT
EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL ARMAMENT EFFORT WOULD BE IMPLEMENT-
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